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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to very good with features still providing the best interest. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71	LARGE	47-55	50
LARGE	63-73	64-67	MEDIUM	16-21	19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	4-6	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and West-em PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to very good, usually moderate to fairly good, with feature activity still providing the best interest. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to instances close for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held with confidence. Floor stocks usually in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to instances good, best where feature activity was a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were fully sufficient for a fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-79	73-76
LARGE	64-77	71-74
MEDIUM	37.5-45	38-42

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged on extra large, large and medium. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for all sizes are unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies are adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-75
LARGE	70-75	71-74
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Northern California (week of 12/1-7): major- large dozen 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free, large 18 pack 149.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	107
MEDIUM	75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	JUMBO	279-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	229-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	189-299
MEDIUM	189-205	MEDIUM	169-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 17, 2004 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 10, 2004 were 242,873 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	205,849	37,024	242,873
% change from the prior week.....	+16	+11	+15

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held with confidence. Breakers needing additional spot loads of breaking stock were content to wait for further market developments. Floor stocks mostly in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	28-30	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-21	15-17

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were in good balance and well cleared. The undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.90
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were seasonal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10.25-11.5	11.16

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 13, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.0	16.1	10.5	15.1	68.6
	Change	2.6	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	49.6	18.9	34.4	166.8
	Change	1.6	-6.0	-0.7	1.7	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	68.7	124.8	95.1	170.2	584.3
	Change	7.5	-26.7	4.5	11.0	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.3	46.4	14.4	25.2	135.7
	Change	1.3	-12.9	-1.7	3.9	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	8.8	0.6	4.0	26.7
	Change	0.2	-4.3	0.1	0.5	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	28.3	9.2	13.5	63.1
	Change	-0.2	-5.9	-0.1	-1.3	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.2	46.8	29.5	38.3	177.0
	Change	4.0	-8.0	11.3	0.2	5%
Total	Curr Wk	165.3	320.8	178.2	300.7	1,222.2
Percent	Change	11%	-17%	7%	6%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,222.2	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	201.8	-14%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,424.0	-2%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2004 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.42	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 10, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 15.25								FUTURE LOADS 6.00		TOTAL LOADS 21.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	50.00	—	—	52.00	51.00	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	.50
GL W XL	—	—	63.00	64.50	59.67	—	3.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	70.00	3.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	3.50	GL W MD	30.00	—	—	—	—	31.44	3.25
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	.25								
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	23.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	23.50	25.50	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	19.00	20.00	2.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/06/04-12/10/04

CURRENT LOADS 70.50								FUTURE LOADS 63.75		TOTAL LOADS 134.25					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	50.25	52.00	50.67	52.83	51.00	51.00	48.00	GNR W 1	—	56.20	—	—	—	66.50	24.00
GNR BR 1	—	59.00	—	—	—	54.50	7.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	66.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	72.50	74.00	51.50	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	67.00	—	—	—	70.87	10.50
GL W XL	—	—	62.50	65.45	59.23	—	30.00	GL W LG	—	66.41	—	72.00	—	68.00	23.75
GL W LG	—	66.38	—	59.50	56.27	—	32.75	GL W MD	30.56	30.56	—	—	—	34.48	11.00
GL W MD	34.00	38.14	24.38	26.50	26.56	—	18.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.00	1.00
GL W SM	24.25	26.75	21.50	23.88	—	—	5.00	GL BR MD	21.00	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	71.00	60.00	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	25.00	27.33	32.00	29.00	23.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	23.50	25.50	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.60	24.70	19.00	20.00	4.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/06/04	11/29/04	12/08/03
PACIFIC COAST	626	723	92
LOS ANGELES	616	709	51

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market was unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are tight on heavier weights, adequate on lighter weights. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	89.63
LARGE	87.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	42.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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